

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): May I know the cost incurred on account of the Jenmi Kudiyan Committee?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): I rise to a point of order as to whether this arises as a supplementary question.

**PRESIDENT**: It does not arise as a supplementary question.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Are the Government aware that the value of the *jenmam* lands is solely due to the labour and capital invested by the Kudiyan?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter for a ruling from the Chair as to whether it arises as a supplementary question.

**PRESIDENT**: Mr. John, your interpellation is directed to elicit information about the draft Bill, but your supplementary question goes into the merits of the case. Therefore, it does not arise as a supplementary question.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Are the Government aware that the present draft Bill is likely to cause more hardship to the *Kudiyan* than the existing Regulation?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): The whole point is being considered by the Government. Part (b) of the answer says that the representations are under consideration.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Are the Government aware that the working of the Regulation is causing much harm to the *Kudiyan*?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): That is a matter of opinion.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): May I know how long it will take for the Government to introduce the new Bill?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of time. I cannot say anything now.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Are the Government aware that the *Kudiyan* have been agitating for over quarter of a century for this purpose?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, there has been some agitation in the country.

**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): May I know whether another Bill will be introduced during this session itself?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): It should first of all be decided whether the present Bill is to be introduced into the Council or not, before thinking of another Bill.

*Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation.*

332. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to introduce any Bill to amend the existing Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation?

[Mr. K. Sivarama Panikkar.]

(b) Are they aware of the strong agitation for the amendment of the existing Regulation?

(c) If so, what is the delay in the introduction of the Bill due to?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a), (b) and (c) The Member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 331.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know when the report of the Jenmi Kudiyan Committee was submitted?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information here, and it is doubtful if it arises as a supplementary question.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Was not a draft Bill submitted along with the report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertalai*): How long ago was that draft Bill submitted?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the papers before me now. That is why I am not in a position to give the date. The Member himself is perhaps aware of the date.

*Figures in the Administration Reports of the State and Departmental Reports.*

333. MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the figures given in the Departmental Annual Reports are checked with those given in the general Administration Report of the State in order to avoid discrepancies, and if not, whether they will have the figures so compared and checked?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Administration Report of the State is ordinarily based on the Annual Departmental Reports. The figures in respect of receipts and expenditure contained in the former are those furnished by the Account Officer and these figures sometimes differ from the departmental figures, as the Account Officer's figures are arrived at after final audit. But departmental officers have instructions to reconcile their figures with those of the Account Officer before the final accounts of a year are compiled.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): It is stated in the answer: "But departmental officers have instructions to reconcile their figures with those of the Account Officer before the final accounts of a year are compiled." Are the figures checked and verified and reconciled before all these Administration Reports are printed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): On some occasions the reconciliation may not be complete and the reconciliation work is carried on to the new year.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Under whose supervision are these reports printed?